Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That scheme is at present pending with the Municipality.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Chairman of the Municipality furnish me with an answer ?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I don't think he is present here. *(Laughter)*

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* In the course of answering a question it was stated by the Hon'ble Member for Public Works that the scheme to extend the pipe line to this area has not been dropped.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is pending with the Municipality.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Am I to take it that the Municipality is in charge of the work and that the Engineering Department has nothing to do with it ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Engineering Department will give a service connection to the court when the Municipality extends the mains along that road.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി: കിണറിലോ വെള്ളമില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു പൈപ്പു വെള്ളം അവിടെ കൊണ്ടുവരുവാനുള്ള വല്ല ഏർപ്പാടും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നാണ് ചോദിക്കുന്നതു്. അല്ലാതെ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ കാര്യമൊന്നും ചോദിക്കുന്നില്ല.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I think the court authorities are doing something in that connection ?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* You mean legal steps ? *(Laughter)*

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* By keeping water in pots there. *(Laughter)*

CHITTUR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS—NUMBER OF SPOUTS IN

123. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of spouts in the various Irrigation Systems of the Chittur Taluk (1) in the main canals of each system and (2) in the branch canals of each system ;

(*b*) the number of spouts with locking arrangement in each system ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* A statement containing the information is appended.

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Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are Government aware that in years when the water in the river and in the canals is scarce, a lot of difficulty is caused by the people taking water clandestinely from these spouts which are not provided with such arrangement ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is in reality to prevent such piracy that we have been putting up locking systems in these spouts. We have been doing it year by year. We have done a fair proportion of the work and it will be continued in the next years also.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Shall I take it that the policy of the Government is to provide all these spouts with locking arrangements ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. As far as possible.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* May I know what the cost of providing a spout with this arrangement comes to ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It comes to about Rs. 15—20.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* What is the difficulty in making a lump provision in the budget to provide all these spouts with locking arrangements ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We have been doing that work for a period of years. There is no difficulty in providing a lump sum if necessary.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government kindly consider the desirability of making a lump provision at least in the next year's budget so that all these spouts may be provided with locking arrangements ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The matter will be considered.

TRAFFIC BOARDS—CONSTITUTION OF

124. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have any information with regard to the mode of constitution of the District Road Traffic Boards in the Madras Presidency;

(*b*) is it not a fact these Boards are manned by non-officials also;

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the numerous complaints that poured in from several quarters with reference to the distribution of the free grants. I found that 99% of them were simply created for the purpose of making my task of solving the problem extremely difficult. Petitions signed by 500, 300 and 200 people without any *bona fides* used to come in day by day so much so that from the day I left Mr. T. K. Nayar, I had to spend a good lot of time for investigating those objection petitions. That very night, when I reached home, there was a band of people about 12 or 13 waiting for me. I reached home at 11 o' clock and they engaged me till 12 o' clock. The next day I had to go for conducting enquiry into the methods according to which the house lists were prepared and the whole of that day had to be spent just to see whether there was any truth in the allegations which they have put forward. After that much of my time was taken up for investigation of such complaints. That was the reason why I was not able to attend to this very serious problem.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Without interruption, why can't you depute your assistant for investigation?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The nature of complaints were such that I thought I myself should enquire, so that I may instruct my assistant as to which method he should adopt in investigating such complaints.

Deputy President: We are concerned with only what you are going to do hereafter.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I was just explaining the difficulties I had to face in proceeding with this matter. That is the reason why we were not able to takle this problem up till now, not because it was not an important matter. I hope to tackle this problem as early as possible.

With reference to all the other points that have been placed before the House, of course they will engage the serious attention of the Government and I can promise that the utmost sympathy will be bestowed in every respect.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Particular attention was drawn in my speech to the excise remission and also the plight of those engaged in the jaggery industry in Kunnamkulam. May I know whether these aspects also will receive the consideration of Government?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There are a number of petitions pending enquiry with respect to these matters also.

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